WRTA Introduces New Shuttle Service Connecting Southbridge, Dudley, and Webster



The WRTA launched its new route serving Southbridge, Dudley, and Webster on Monday, August 3, 2020. This new service was made possible through the MassDOT Workforce Transportation Grant Program, with grant application support and service

planning provided by CMRPC Staff. Funding through this grant program will allow the WRTA to initiate, maintain, strengthen, and expand service to the workforce population in these communities.

WRTA Administrator Dennis Lipka said in a recent press release, "We are excited to have the opportunity to expand service to multiple businesses and destinations. It is important to give our riders access to as many destinations as possible. This new service will give riders access to a variety of potential job opportunities, educational opportunities, hospitals, and other amenities they might not normally be able to visit regularly. Riders will also have a direct connection to Worcester and the surrounding communities via WRTA Routes 29 and 42."

The new Southbridge, Dudley, and Webster shuttle will serve major destinations including:

Southbridge

- Big Bunny Plaza
- Harrington Hospital
- Mass. Department of Transitional Assistance
- Quinsigamond Community College
- MassHire Career Center
- Big Y Plaza

Dudley

- Dudley District Court
- Dudley Housing Authority
- Dudley Municipal Complex

Webster

- Webster Town Hall & Senior Center
- Harrington HealthCare

The shuttle began as a free service for the month of August 2020. This route will provide

connections with WRTA Route 29 (Southbridge), and Route 42 (Webster) with service to the Auburn Mall, Oxford, Worcester, and the WRTA Hub at Union Station. To view the route schedule, <u>please visit the WRTA website</u>. To view an interactive map of the route designed by CMRPC staff, <u>please click here</u>.